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## Elk Point and District Lions Walk For Sight raises \$1,545

Fifteen two-legged walkers and three four-legged friends took part in this year's Lions Walk For Sight on Saturday, ignoring chilly winds as they walked a full 10 kilometers, which participant Debbie Hahn said added up to 15,304 steps, the first walkers coming in in one hour, 50 minutes. Diane Pfeifer (second from right) was the top fundraiser with \$570 in pledges, with George Hahn taking home both the Oilfield Challenge trophy for Hahn Welding and the Oldest Participant award, Elk Point Elementary School the School Challenge trophy, and one-year-old Maverick Stark the youngest participant.

## Industrial park paving, overlay approved

**VICKI BROOKER**  
Review Staff

Elk Point town council took a major step at last week's meeting, approving a bid totaling \$819,000 to pave four roads in the original industrial park and to install a pavement overlay on Railway Ave. from 50 Street to 54 Street and on 54 Street from Railway Ave. to Highway 646.

Roads to be paved in the industrial park include the service road past Northern Lights Library System, the Co-op cardlock station and Lakeland Tire, 54 Avenue from Highway 41 east, 46 Street from 54 Ave to its junction with 45 Street, and both Railway Ave. and 50 Ave. from Highway 41 to the point where those streets join. (See map on Page 2)

The contract was awarded to Sand Star Construction Ltd. with work to start later this month.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding on hand and approved for 2014 will be used to finance most of the project, and all three councillors present agreed with Mayor Parrish Tung that the project should go ahead.

"If we have the money for it, and don't have to borrow, we get a better deal with this package," said Coun. Debra McQuinn.

It will be "money well spent," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich agreed.

Coun. Bernice Capjack, who moved to accept the contract, said, "go ahead - let's do it while we have the MSI."

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**RAILWAY AVE. EAST IN ALL ITS GLORY** - Dust, potholes and broken pavement aggravate both drivers and business owners along this heavily traveled street in Elk Point's original industrial park, which has had a long wait for paving.

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# Town council

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Additional funding could come from the sale of town-owned lots. The current inventory includes 16 single-family lots, five multi-family lots and 13 industrial lots, 10 of them pending.

It was noted that the town can delay paying for the paving until December at a nominal rate of interest, or could opt to pay half of the cost this year and half next year.

### RCMP concerned with angle parking extension

Elk Point RCMP Sgt. Dave Casey visited council last week to express the RCMP's concerns with the possible expansion of angle parking to the east side of Main Street.

"There are definitely some concerns from the police point of view. Congestion would come from both sides with angle parking, there's a visibility issue when backing out of parking spaces, especially at different angles." He also felt this would further impede motorists from seeing pedestrians crossing between intersections, and observed that, "people don't seem to want to use parking lots. The side streets are usually empty, too." He felt employees of businesses could park off Main Street, to maximize the parking spaces left for customers, and concluded, "Angle parking is not the answer. It would be more problems."

Coun. Yaremkevich agreed that Main Street "would be way too narrow," while town manager Myron Goyan added that one-ton trucks "make it really tight."

### GPS water meters

Council passed a motion to pay for the new GPS water meter system out of operating capital. The purchase of 24 meters had been approved at the March 11 meeting.

### Emergency plan

Mayor Tung, Goyan and Coun. Capjack were appointed to sit on the Regional Emergency Plan Committee.

### Centennial Drive park

A status report on the Centennial drive playground indicated that Public Works is going to check over the equipment and see what is still usable. It was agreed that a community group may be able to get a government grant to purchase new equipment, and there is also a possibility of a local donation, which could be used to match a grant.

### Airport offer

Alberta Transportation has offered the town the opportunity to purchase the Elk Point Airport, and while council agreed that the facility has one of the better runways in the area at this time, the town is not interested in taking ownership and will file the letter for information.

### Water rates

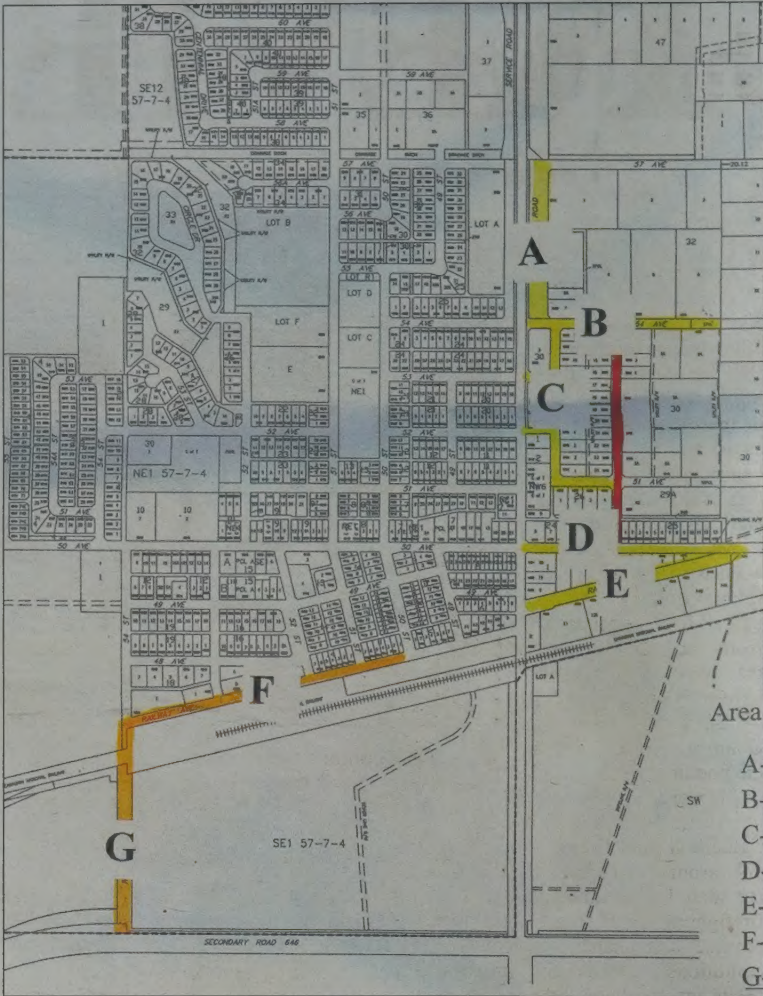
Council agreed to support the rate the Town of St. Paul is charging for water. Additional costs will be incurred at this end, they noted.

### Sponsorship

Council agreed to sponsor a coffee break at this September's Northern Lights Library System conference at the cost of \$300 and to support F. G. Miller High School's Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) program with a \$100 donation.

### Mill rate

Council was presented with a draft of the 2014 mill rate bylaw, which they will study and bring back to the table at the May 12 meeting. Councillors also received a copy of the 2013 bylaw, which they can use for comparison.



The diagram showing the 2014 paving project was circulated to council for their study before passing a motion to undertake the long-awaited project. Areas A, B, C, D and E will be paved, while areas F and G will receive an overlay on the existing pavement. The area shown in red was paved last summer.



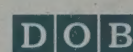
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**Heinsburg Community School**

**May 5** Morning Song and Assembly with prize draws for AR Readers who scored over 80% in quizzes

**May 7** Pancake Breakfast

**May 7** Grade 9-12 students visit Lakeland "Try-A-Trade" in Lloydminster

**May 8** Instructional Assistants Recognition and Luncheon (teachers cover all supervision!)



Students at Heinsburg Community School participate in the Buddy Reading Program.



# Fire Department honoured at 10th Annual Ball

VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

Elk Point Firefighters' Association hosted their 10th Annual Firefighters' Ball on Saturday evening, celebrating a decade of these successful occasions with a change of venue to the elegant setting of the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

MC Robert Smith opened the evening with acknowledgement of the other fire departments from across the area that were in attendance, before inviting County of St. Paul Division 2 Coun. Dwight Dach to the podium.

"I want to pay tribute to the Elk Point firefighters and all firefighters around the region for their high caliber of firefighting in the most adverse and challenging conditions," Dach said. "Hats off to all of them for what they do, and to the ratepayers and volunteers who let them know how much they are appreciated."

Mayor Parrish Tung was next, bringing thanks to the firefighters on behalf of the Town of Elk Point. "The town is growing by blocks and blocks, but the biggest building block is our volunteers. Firefighters are one of the biggest blocks of volunteers."

A special guest at the ball was once a member of the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department. Two Hills Fire Chief Brad Straty, who is also the Region 3 Director of the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, said he has worked since 2003 with Elk Point Fire Chief Ken Palamarek, who "made things interesting" and is "a very levelheaded per-



Vicki Brooker photo

Alberta Firefighters' Association Region 3 Director Brad Straty (right) presents a plaque commemorating more than 50 years of service to the community by the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department to Fire Chief Ken Palamarek.

son. The bravest thing a firefighter can do is to commit to being a firefighter."

Straty commended the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department on more than 50 years of service to the community, and called Palamarek forward to accept a plaque for the department, noting that Palamarek has been with the department for more than 40 years.

"Brad was part of our fire department for three or four years," Palamarek said, and told him, "We appreciate you being where you're at" in Two Hills. "The County of St. Paul ends rather abruptly south of the river, and we do respond to calls in the County of Two Hills and the County of Vermilion River. It adds to our load, but we serve a large area that includes Frog Lake, Fishing Lake and Kehewin, and the oil industry south and east of us. We have to provide service as best we

can with the facilities and equipment we have. I hope all of you appreciate the service we give."

Palamarek returned to the podium a few minutes later to officially welcome everyone to the 10th annual Firefighters' Ball, and provided an update on the fire department's activities. He noted that in 2013, "the department answered 106 calls in the town of Elk Point, the County of St. Paul and our mutual assistance areas. We seem to be right in the centre of activity. There's a lot of oil activity in the other two counties, and we're probably closer for call-outs from them. We can be on scene 10 to 15 minutes sooner (than those counties' fire departments) and when they get there, we do mutually fight the incident as required."

Motor vehicle accidents have increased from 53 for all of last year to 40 to date in 2014, he said.

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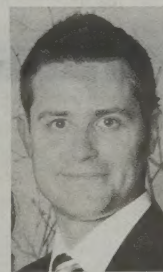
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by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky



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- The human kidney is an amazing organ. It weighs only 5 ounces and contains about a million filtering cells called nephrons. Place all these nephrons end to end and they will stretch for 80 km. The tech phenomenon in 2013 was the 3D printer. With the complexity of the human kidney, it will be a few decades before we can print a new kidney.
- May is Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month in Canada. Research is ongoing to discover what causes this disease which is diagnosed in 3 Canadians every day. Over 100,000 people have MS in Canada. It seems to be a disease of northern climates. People living in tropical climates have a lower risk. For information about MS, check out this address online: mssociety.ca
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## EDITORIAL

# Well entertained

Those who say "there's nothing to do in this town" should have been at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre three evenings of this past week.

Wednesday evening provided free entertainment for the whole family with a fantastic magic show that would cost \$15 per person in most venues, thanks to Mayor Tung and town council.

Thursday evening showcased the talents of a large group of local young ladies at the Fame Dance Company's year-end show, delighting the large audience with their performances.

Saturday evening was devoted to the adults, who dined, danced and enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the Firemen's Ball.

How lucky can we get, to have a venue like that?

## WAY BACK WHEN...

# Social, steamflood, spring concerts

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6 IN...

1984

The first annual RCMP Regimental Ball was the most elaborate social of the year, with a crowd of approximately 250 including a number of former members of the Elk Point Detachment and an impressive grand march of members in scarlet tunics. Town council's vote to purchase a quarter section of land for a recreation park passed by a narrow 4-3 margin after two hours of discussion by council and 25 ratepayers and organization representatives at a special meeting.

1989

Amoco Canada announced the start of the steamflood segment of their experimental operation at the Elk Point pilot project site 12 km south of Elk Point, using existing equipment and expecting to spend \$2.5 million over the two- to four-year life of the experiment.

1994

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club marked 15 years of entertainment at their Spring Concert, with 54 dancers leaping, spinning and smiling through a two-hour performance. Past Honoured Royal Lady Sharon Algot was presented with her PHRL jewel by her successor, HRL Marie Buck, at the Elks and OORP Joint Installation, while Mike Chubey was installed for a second term as Exalted Ruler.

1999

Mary Kinjerski was the top individual fundraiser for the second year at the OORP North Central Zone Walk-a-Thon, raising 45 per cent more than her 1998 total as Elk Point hosted the event. After meeting with representatives of Van Horne Petroleum, town council overturned a previous decision and agreed to accept the former Pan Canadian Petroleum building, and would offer it to the Northern Lights Library System for their headquarters.

2004

Education Week focused on fun and learning at schools in Heinsburg and Elk Point, with Elk Point Elementary raising \$8,534.58 at their Jump Rope for Heart session and Heinsburg Community School featuring cultural food, displays and activities at their annual open house.

2009

Adult dancers Wanda Cochrane, Carol Lee, Elena Drobot, Michelle and Kenna Hillebrand, Brandi Sakowsky, Larissa Cochrane, Andrea Lee and Karen Kendal, in costumes of five regions of the Ukraine, opened the 30th annual Spring Concert for the Elk Point Metelytsia Dance Club with the Pryvitania, the traditional welcome with bread and salt.

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## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

# Disappointment, disagreement plagues council in mid-1980

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The second half of 1980 began with disappointing news, as Mayor Mike Habiak informed the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce that Alberta Housing had decided against the proposed Bepalko subdivision on the north end of town. The proposed subdivision was the primary reason for the town to spend large sums on engineering, surveying and pipe for a sewer project that would have been required for the proposed subdivision and the proposed industrial park, which had been stalled by a long delay in obtaining the necessary land.

Elk Point Bridge and its north approach continued to take their toll, with the latest victim being a semi-trailer from CFB Cold Lake loaded with unarmed bombs, with an explosive capacity equal to 60 tons of dynamite. A passenger was trapped in the truck for a time and suffered serious injuries. A cement tanker rolled near the same spot on May 14.

The Elk Point Lions Club Canoe Pageant and Alberta 75th Anniversary Homecoming "had a little bit of everything," according to coverage by the Elk Point Sentinel. Local competitors Allan Ference and Brent Mudryk placed second in the Junior category of the canoe pageant, floats from the Lakeland Tourist Association, Elk Point Historical Society and the Elks and Royal Purple were winners in the parade, a CFB Cold Lake "Twin Huey" helicopter executed maneuvers and landed for public inspection and afternoon entertainment was supplied by Elk Point Ukrainian Dancers, the Wyatt Choristers, Highland dancers and a Sarcee hoop dancer.

Elk Point Agricultural Society's first annual Whitney Lake drew 277 entries and an excellent crowd, with Don Vincent of consort winning the all-around title and the calf roping buckle.

## August

Town council got more than they bargained for when they held a public information meeting where 70-plus ratepayers were more interested in debating the bottom line on their tax notices than the details on assessment, taxation and obtaining grants. It was a meeting where Erik Nielsen said, "a good time was not

had by all."

A shorthanded town council took five hours and 40 minutes to wade through their next agenda, with a third of that time spent in discussion with the town engineer, and more on two delegations, one debating who was responsible to pay for the Ference Subdivision hookup to the 52 Street sewer line and the other dealing with a complaint that seepage from the town's reservoir was harming farmland.

Lois Yaremkevich was named overall aggregate winner at the Elk Point Fair, which expanded to include both floors of the Elks Hall due to an influx of entries.

Town council had what was described as "another stormy session" and "horse trading" with concerned ratepayers, this time over the cost of paving, but managed to sort out half of their difficulties when a price of \$12 per foot for a 28-foot width was arrived at, considerably better than the previous figure of \$17.52 per foot.

## September

Jim and Duane Young sold the Elk Point Hotel after eight years of serving the community, and two and a half years after an extensive renovation and addition project, which included adding a feature wall covered with the brands of local farmers and ranchers.

Town council accepted a straightforward and basic municipal plan presented by the Municipal Planning Committee, with only minor changes, one of them to change Block 13 as the designated site for a new fire hall and town office complex to be built in two phases and the other to relocate the present town works yard to the east side of town as soon as land became available.

Town Council invited the Department of Advanced Education to construct a technical and trade institute, valued at \$150 million and employing a staff of 400, in Elk Point, that would serve the technical training needs of between 3,000 and 5,000 students.

On Sept. 11, 1980, the last CNR train left Heinsburg, ending 53 years of service to that community. The discontinuation of service had been in the works since 1976, when the federal government's Hall Commission declared it economically unfeasible, turning a deaf ear on the community's very strong case to retain it.

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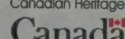
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# Elk Point 4-H Beef Club spring cleans Highway 41

Stacks of well-stuffed orange trash bags dotted the edge of Highway 41 from Moose Hills Road to Twp. Road 565 on Saturday as the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club did some serious spring cleaning, gathering up the debris left from what seemed like a very long winter, as were part of a province-wide highway cleanup campaign. Good job, 4-H!

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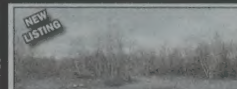


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# MLAs discuss seniors' issues

**ANDREW MENDLER**  
Review Contributor

Health care, affordable housing and living costs were just some of the many issues discussed in Glendon on May 1 at the Alberta Council for Aging's annual general meeting.

Over 70 people from eleven different communities in northeastern Alberta gathered at the Glendon seniors centre to hear Bonnyville-Cold Lake MLA Genia Leskiw, Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills MLA Shayne Saskiw and Wildrose Seniors' Critic Kerry Towle discuss some of the issues plaguing seniors in Alberta.

"Our government is doing great work in the seniors portfolio, while providing numerous programs, supports and services for our seniors in Alberta," said Leskiw, who was first to address the crowd. "Can we do better? Of course we can. With the amount of seniors increasing, we can always a better job and we always have to look at doing a better job."

Leskiw talked about many programs and services the government already has in place to help support a great qual-

ity of life for seniors. She said good news was just around the corner for the Bonny Lodge and Cold Lake Lodge projects and that she has an upcoming meeting with Alberta Health Services (AHS) to talk about the pathology lab in Bonnyville.

She went into details about the Alberta seniors' benefit program and the seniors' advisory council which, according to her, have both benefited seniors greatly.

Leskiw also thanked her fellow MLAs for helping the government do a "hell of a good job" providing supports for seniors.

"Another way (we have helped seniors), and I am going to have to thank the opposition party for this, they do a great job through their critic in pressing the government on different things that seniors are concerned about," said Leskiw. "By having all MLAs, regardless of what party they belong to, press so much emphasis on seniors, it tells you that all parties value what our seniors have contributed to this province."

One program she highlighted was the newly created seniors' advocate; a person in

the government who is dedicated to supporting the interests and needs of seniors across the province.

"A seniors' advocate is able to request inspections, investigate the quality of assessment related to seniors care facilities, refer concerns and complaints to appropriate channels, provide information or referrals and so on," said Leskiw.

This was the first program that Towle, the official opposition's seniors' critic, jumped on when she took the stage after a brief introduction from Saskiw.

In 2012, Towle tabled a private members bill calling for an independent seniors' advocate. She wanted someone, separate of government, whom seniors could take their concerns to.

"One of the things I have heard the most is that seniors don't have someone outside of government, to go to when they have a concern, to advocate on their behalf," said Towle.

"Unfortunately the seniors' advocate that (the government) created is an employee of the minister. So he answers to the minister, any of the reports can not be made

public unless the minister chooses to do so, and they don't answer to the legislature, so really their role is just to help you navigate the system."

Towle went on to bash the current system for long-term care and continuing care, both of which she has first hand experience dealing with as her brother spent two years in the AHS long-term care system after being diagnosed with Huntington's disease.

She then went on to rip, what she referred to as the "100 kilometer rule" and the "first available bed policy", which allows AHS to send a patient to the first available bed up to 100 kilometers away.

She finished by saying that centralizing the decision-making process created most of the health care problems for seniors.

"We need to go back to local decision making. Somebody local should be making the decision. Somebody in Edmonton shouldn't be deciding where somebody in Glendon should go," said Towle.

Over an hour was spent on taking questions and hearing concerns from those in attendance.

People were concerned with health issues, like the shortage of nurses in Elk Point, the dialysis problem in Lac La Biche and the centralization of decision-making. Others spoke about concerns surrounding the high cost of living for seniors and the lack of lodge space.

Both Leskiw and Saskiw said they planned to look into the many concerns raised by citizens and will fight for the people of the region.

Seniors will have another chance to voice their issues and concerns when Dave Quest, Associate Minister - Seniors will be in St. Paul for a meeting on June 13.

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**BASSETT**  
Review Sports

I've coached a lot of ball on some pretty nasty days but this past Saturday ranks right up there with the worst of them. The Bantam Sox opened their season on bitter cold day, so cold even the umpires wore their toques.

In the first game against our neighbors from Paul, the Sox would run into some trouble bobbling the ball and missing their throws, but how could you blame them? It is extremely difficult to field a ball when your hands are in your coat pocket and you're jumping up and down to stay warm. As far as the errors go, on a warm sunny day they would most likely make those easy plays. And give St. Paul some credit, they do have what appears to be a very good team; this is the first month and it is expected that some teams will mercy other teams until the re-tiring is done at the end of the month. St Paul went on to win both of their games on Saturday. Newly signed Cold Lake product, left handed pitcher Dillon Silver was sent to the mound doing a very good job considering the conditions. Dillon pitched four innings with six strikeouts. Peeewe-aged affiliated player Cody "the Babe" Fairbairn doing the fifth inning, the "Babe" striking out two. Lead-off batter "Taylor Made "Pankiw with a single, Cameron "the Bear" Baird smacking a RBI double. The Sox losing this one by the 10-run mercy rule in five innings.

The second game against Fort McMurray was a much tighter game, with Nicholas "KKK" Tucker getting the call to the hill, going almost a complete game before being maxed out on pitch count, getting nine K's, the "Bear " coming in on relief with three strikeouts. The "Babe" and Ethan Tremblay both hitting singles, the Sox losing this one by a respectable 9 to 5 score.

This coming weekend the Peeewe Sox will travel to Sherwood Park for three games.

Now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "I never blame myself when I'm not hitting. I just blame the bat and if it keeps up, I change bats. After all, if I know it isn't my fault that I'm not hitting, how can I get mad at myself?" Last week's answer to: "There is nothing greater in the world than when somebody on the team does something good, and everybody gathers around to pat him on the back."- Billy Martin

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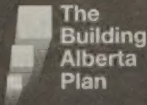
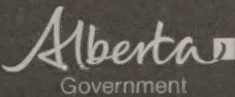


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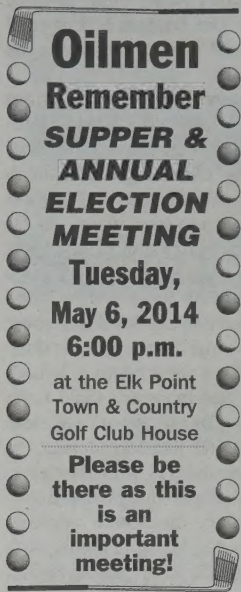
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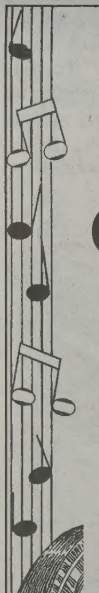
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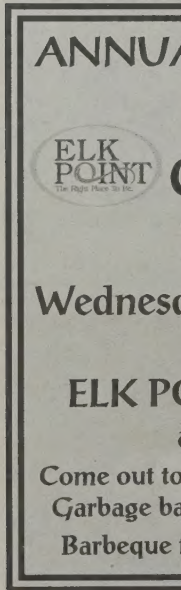
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# Magic show huge fun for all ages

**VICKI BROOKER**  
*Review Staff*

A near-capacity crowd was 'AbracaDazzled' at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Wednesday evening when the Town of Elk Point treated all comers to a free evening of fun and magic with celebrated entertainer John Kaplan.

Kaplan was accompanied by a pair of lovely young ladies who started off the evening with a dance routine before Kaplan invited the audience to "warm up your imagination" and selected one young viewer to come onstage to check on the young lady he had just locked into a three-section box and seemingly sliced in thirds, the audience amazed at her side-sliding midsection and relieved to see her emerge all in one piece.

The master magician introduced everyone to two of his Wando the magic wand and Rexdale, the rabbit in the traditional but giant magician's hat.

Next, a little lady was invited onstage to join Kaplan and his surfer girls, now dressed in beach gear and relaxing in deck chairs under a palm tree. A surf-board was balanced on the chair backs, and the girl was invited to hop aboard it, while Kaplan made it float in thin air.

One of the most puzzling parts of the performance came next, with the assistants opening doors on all parts of a handsome cabinet that they had brought onstage, to show it was totally empty. With the centre doors still open and nothing visible inside, they opened the doors in the small top compartment to reveal Kaplan's head, and after closing that door and the others and reopening them, the magician in his entirety.

Next to be invited on stage was a young mom, whose mind was apparently read by, would you believe a hypnotized orange? You never know what will happen next at a show like this!

A ripped newspaper mysteriously became whole again and a picture Kaplan drew became animated and started talking in two of the other acts, which were intersected by Kaplan being locked into the stocks by his assistants, who tossed a blanket over him as he quickly and mysteriously extricated himself from the device.

Everyone was invited to take a time travel journey back to a 1967 midway, where Kaplan was a pitchman, demonstrating some very special magical cards that could enable anyone to do amazing tricks.

Then came a trick that could only happen in Elk Point. Mayor Parrish Tung was invited onstage to be sawn in half, with masked and gowned Surgeon Kaplan assisted by one of his 'nurses' as the deed was accomplished. However, rather than two half mayors being the result, it was one totally unharmed mayor who somehow found himself encircled by a saw, much to his relief and the audience's delight.

The final illusion saw Kaplan tied into a bag by his lovely assistants and locked into a large wooden crate that had been turned on its side for the audience's inspection. After a large cloth tube was raised over the box by one of the assistants, Kaplan appeared at the tube's top, whisked it away and unlocked the box, revealing the still-tied bag with that same assistant inside it.

Now that was truly AbracaDazzling!



Magician John Kaplan caused a local girl to float in midair on a surf-board.

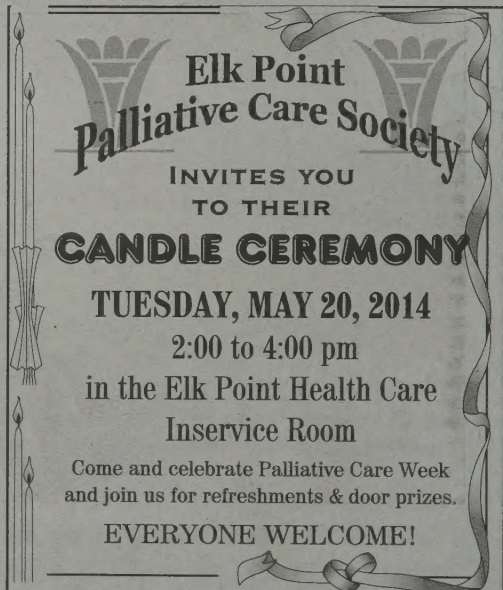
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**What have I done?**

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Magician John Kaplan thanks Eros Cueva for checking out the status of his sliced-in-three assistant, left, then gets locked in the stocks, bottom left. Above, Kaplan and his assistants thank all who attended Wednesday's 'AbracaDazzle' show.



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Just tutu cute! The Tiny Tots charmed the crowd with their steps and showmanship.

## Fame frolics in the spotlight

VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

Fame Dance Company wowed their audience with a sparkling year-end show on Thursday evening at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre, with an excellent crowd of proud family members to cheer them on.

Preteen and teen Hip Hop dancers Tennille Ballas, Georgia Bendixen, Alexa Berlinguette, Hailey Bykowsky, Zoe Cribbins, Maia Harms, Dakota Havener, Katie Mohyluk, Kendra Porcina and Tammy Roberts were first on the program with a lively number, followed by Tamelle Pilisko with a graceful Ballet solo.

Tutu-ed tiny tots Chloe Campbell, Meah Fortin, Luna Friesen-Warner, Payton Nelson, Kennedy Pierce and Isabel Quinney and others who were not listed in the program stole the show as they pranced through their dance steps, delighting the crowd.

Teen and adult Hip Hop dancers Madison Ference, Sheena Panganiban and Tiffany Smith breezed through a polished performance, Hailey Bykowsky following with her Jazz solo.

The it was the five to eight-year-old Jazz and Hip Hop dancers' turn in the spotlight, with Ella Ballas, Victoria Fortin, Addison Havener, Ashley Lecopoy, Jayci Marcoux, Brooklyn Porcina, Paige Skarsen,

Rian Skarsen, Aurora Smith, Ayvah Smith, Ella Smith and Felicity Winchester doing some fast and fancy stepping. Tamelle Pilisko followed with a charming Lyrical solo.

Preteen and teen Ballet, Jazz and Lyrical students Tennille Ballas, Georgia Bendixen, Shelby Berg, Ashley Bristow, Nicole Bristow, Hailey Bykowsky, Madison Ference, Katie Mohyluk, Tammy Roberts and Lexi Wirsta performed a pair of outstanding dances, with Adult Tap dancers Brenda Diesel, Irene Pilisko and Tamelle Pilisko taking to the stage in tuxedos between those two numbers with a very classy and sophisticated routine.



Preteen and teen Hip Hop.



Preteen and teen Ballet, Jazz and Lyrical.



Solo dancer Hailey Bykowsky strikes a pose.

Vicki Brooker photos



The 5-to-8-year-old Jazz and Hip Hop group





## Garden marvels abound at Moe's Gardens and Greenhouse

**VICKI BROOKER**  
Journal Staff

It's one of the most popular places in the area at this time of year, and garden lovers just can't help going back to Moe's Gardens and Greenhouses, on Highway 41 south of Highway 28, again and again.

That lineup of greenhouses, every one of them filled to the rafters with luxuriant growth, definitely is a gardener's paradise at this time of

year, and it's hard to drive away without a trunk filled with dazzling delights.

All the favourites are there, as well as exotic plants from as far away as South Africa, the Phygelius 'Candy Drops' or Cape Fuchsia, for example. New and stunning plants, such as the Pericallis 'Bicolor Purple' and the 'Summer Wing Orange' Begonia will stop you in your tracks for a second look as you browse the huge selection of varieties.

New colours in favourite flowers are always in demand, and Moe's keeps up the pace, providing a rainbow of shades for every garden colour scheme. This year's collection of pansies fills two greenhouse-long rows and includes stunning blues, palest watercolour-violet with a deep purple centre, and brightest yellow, while the marvelous arrays of begonias, calibrachoa, petunias and geraniums will make choosing just one totally impossible.

And the roses - from miniature treasures to tuck in containers to tall, lush beauties for every size of garden, they're ready to take home and enjoy these feasts for the senses.

Don't forget to check out another kind of feasting as well - Moe's has a tremendous selection of tomato, pepper, herb and vegetable plants, with some of the tomatoes already in bloom and ready to produce tasty treats for your table.



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**WALL-TO-WALL WONDERFUL** - This greenhouse at Moe's is absolutely crammed with lush blossoms and delightful containers.

But wait - there's more, even more than the rows and rows of hanging baskets that will find new homes with mothers across the Lakeland this Mother's Day. This year's selection of planters and container gardens is almost overwhelming, and to decorate your landscape even more, there are charming garden figures, from prayer-

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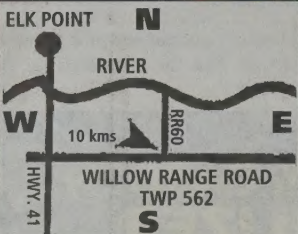
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## Patio trends include wood, bright colours, outdoor cooking

**SAM MACDONALD**  
Journal Staff

As the snow melts and the barometer is rising, the long days of the summer are just around the corner. The season for spending time on the patio approaches and there are a number of trends emerging for outdoor furniture and cookware.

"For trends right now, I'd say wicker is quite popular this year. I haven't noticed anything else right now, because the weather isn't the greatest at this point. Wicker is still the thing," says Patricia Vaughan, at the Home Centre in the Co-op Mall, Home and Agro Store.

Karen Zacharuk, a floor manager at St. Paul Home Hardware confirms that that Wicker is still popular this year saying, "We've been seeing a lot of it going on with sales. You don't have people getting any more of those little fold-up chairs that used to be popular on decks and patios. It's mostly wicker that's going out."

Zacharuk notes that another emerging trend for the patio is the propane fire bowl, an alternative to a fire pit that's easy on space.

"They seem to be going out pretty quickly too. They're nice for a small, enclosed place, just on a deck. You don't need a lot of space, and it's just a nice contained fire," says Zacharuk.

The trend of small fire bowls is accompanied by one of small patio fur-

niture. Nick Kuba, a supervisor for the sports and seasonal sections at St. Paul Canadian Tire notes that bistro style outdoor furniture is also on the rise.

Bistro sets are ideal for people with small balconies and decks, and are basically a smaller version of the patio set, with two chairs and a small table, he says.

Another general trend for patio furniture this year is bright colours — particular reds.

"I've found so far, I've sold a lot of red stuff. People are into the red colours. It's pretty early in the season but that's what I've noticed," says Kuba.

Stacey Cure, a store manager with St. Paul Canadian Tire describes a number of emerging trends for the coming barbecue season, and the growing interest in outdoor cooking saying, "Right now Canadian Tire is trending an outdoor pizza barbecue. It's a new item this year, and basically you can cook a pizza outdoors on the patio."

She adds, "We have a bunch of grills and barbecues in demand this year. Pizza ovens, and dual barbecues are big, the focus is on cooking outside."

In the case of outdoor furniture, Cure describes sales of wood furniture as popular. She notes that hot water on demand, a hookup to an indoor system to provide hot water outside, is another thing that's popular with outdoor patio setups this year.



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# Spring's arrived at Willow Greenhouse

VICKI BROOKER  
Journal Staff

If you've been searching for signs of spring, you need look no further than Willow Greenhouse, south-east of Elk Point on the corner of Willow Range Road (Twp 562) and RR60. Just walking through the door will give you the urge to get your hands in the soil and start planting.

The heady scent of flower blossoms and the cheerful sight of lush growth whisks away the memories of a too-long winter as you wander past high columnar planters totally hidden by their cloaks of petunias to tables carpeted with the vivid pinks of many-shaded 'Swirl Monet Mix' Impatiens and bright yellow 'Sunburst' Zinnias on the way to other enticing visual delights. Long before you reach the huge selection of petunia varieties, your head will be filled with bright ideas for your own beds and borders.

Perennials are once again plentiful, as are ornamental grasses large and small, including the showy 'Frost Explosion,' which was a big seller at Willow last year.



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**TALL AND GRACEFUL** - 'Pinky Red' Celosia are a colorful centrepiece for a container garden, such as those on display at Willow Greenhouse, but they would be equally happy in a border environment.

The intriguing variegated leaves of 'Mexican Firebush' Kochia stands out among the newcomers to Willow's selection, and tall spears of 'Pinky Red' Celosia also look like a promising addition to either a bed or a container garden.

Did we say containers? Willow has some unique offerings in that department, including handmade, picket-fence-backed wooden benches with planter seats that you can 'upholster' with anything from pansies to sweet potato vines, as well as planters backed with tall trellises for your favourite climbers. Want instant beauty? Green-thumbed Susan Abele has just the thing, in a variety of shapes and sizes of pre-planted containers overflowing with carefully selected flowers and foliage, ready to take home and enjoy. And with Mother's Day coming up this weekend, she has lined the entire greenhouse with hanging baskets that will look great all summer long.

Make sure to take Dad along on your visit - he'll definitely want to check out the wide selection of tomatoes, vegetable seedlings and herbs that Willow Greenhouse has in store this spring.



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**COLORFUL COLUMNS** - Petunias by the towerful are one of this year's features at Willow Greenhouse.



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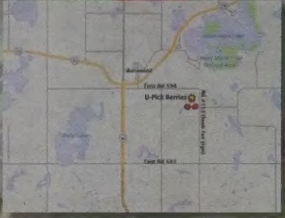
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## Permaculture has potential for a self-sustaining paradise

VICKI BROOKER  
Journal Staff

Local small farmer and bed-and-breakfast operator Eileen Wosnack introduced the concept of creating "a self-sustaining paradise" through the use of permaculture to Elk Point town council earlier this year.

Permaculture "mocks nature," Wosnack explained when she came to council with a suggestion that such an environment could be established in the community's green spaces, and that fruit trees, food producing shrubs and perennials be planted to beautify and nourish the community.

She explained permaculture as the creation of a permanent growing environment, and said it "should not require tending or watering when it is mature," provided that some of the plants are nitrogen fixers, enriching the soil, while water features would hydrate the soil.

"Nature does the rest."

An edible forest garden, she said, has nine layers: the tall tree canopy, large shrubs such as chokecherries or saskatoons, smaller shrubs such as gooseberry, currants, or even rhubarb, the herbaceous layer, a groundcover or creeping plants layer to discourage weed growth, an underground layer of humus or loam, a vertical climber layer,



Ripening chokecherries.

which could include such vines as grapes and hops, an aquatic or wetland layer and an underground mycelial or fungal layer, which could be provided by decomposing leaves, plant residue or manure. She suggested that banks to surround a

swale could be made of sticks and logs covered with soil and later planted with perennials such as daylilies, creating ponds and a wetland layer as a water source for all layers of growth.

While this may not be a feasible project for the town to take on, this interesting concept could be worth a try for homeowners, especially if their lot, acreage or farmyard has a wooded area that could be enriched by the addition of food-bearing bushes, shrubs and vines. Instead of hauling tree trimmings to the landfill, cover them with soil to build the sides of a swale and at the same time to create a raised planting area, which could be an outstanding feature of the yard. If there is no wooded area, the permaculture project could be started from the ground up, by enriching the soil and planting the various layers of vegetation.

It's an idea well worth exploring, and if successful, could spur on other homeowners to build their own little piece of paradise.

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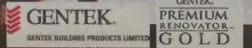
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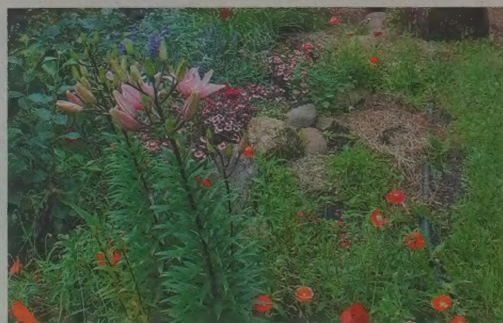
JANICE HUSER  
Journal Staff

The St. Paul Community Garden Association is preparing for another season of growth, following the group's annual general meeting in April.

Gardens within the association include the Servus Credit Union Townsite, Servus Credit Union Countysite, Heritage Homes, Sunnyside Manor, Extencicare and a new raised garden box at Ashmont Seniors Centre.

"Our gardeners continuously show their enthusiasm for gardening by asking about obtaining a garden space early in the year," said Community Gardens Chairperson Linda Boone, in her annual report. "Many spend a great deal of time in their gardens and all can be commended for their efforts and gardening skills that cover many different levels."

Last year, improvements were made to the townsite garden. The Town of St. Paul poured concrete and installed two picnic tables, four garden benches, and a garbage



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**GARDEN TOUR** - Each year the St. Paul Community Gardens hosts a garden tour of gardens in the area.

area, said Boone.

Throughout the season, the association also holds a tour of local gardeners who go above and beyond. The season then gets close to wrapping up with a potato roast on rodeo weekend.

In 2013, the association also purchased materials to build eight new raised garden boxes. The funds for the materials had been acquired through a grant. The new boxes will be assembled by the St. Paul Lion's Club and placed throughout the area.

Three boxes will be placed in Elk Point, one in Mallaig, three in St. Paul, and one in Vilna.

Boone estimated that

about 70 gardeners were involved with the group last year, and this year is looking to be just as busy, if not busier. All the plots in the town of St. Paul were rented out last year, she added.

The AGM also included a financial report by Treasurer Sheila Parks. The group had a bank balance of about \$2,300 at the end of 2013. Throughout the year, money had been spent on equipment, hosting the potato roast, and maintenance of the garden sites.

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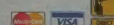
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But before you go on a shopping spree, remember that plants prefer large, deep pots in which their roots can develop properly. The size of the pot required depends on the size of the plant. A reasonably tall plant, such as some grasses, needs a larger pot than a geranium, for example. It's all a question of balance.

Plants grown in pots are more vulnerable to temperature variations and drought than those planted in the ground. Because of water evaporation, the temperature of the earth in a pot is higher than the air temperature,

which means watering is particularly important during hot weather.

Wind is another factor to be considered. Position your pots where structures or hedges protect them from strong winds, especially those coming from the north. Drafty places should also be avoided.

Just as with garden ornaments, the strategic integration of potted plants can heighten the interest of your yard and draw admiring looks. A mixture of fine herbs, flowers, and shrubs in the same container lets you add some pizzazz to your surroundings. A pot of annuals is also a great way to fill up empty spaces in a flower bed. And using containers allows gardeners to create different landscape features from year to year, or even within a single season.



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## Plants that repel mosquitoes



**CITRONELLA** - Some plants are great for repelling those pesky mosquitoes, such as Citronella.

Canadians know it: human skin is a popular feasting ground for mosquitoes during the summer months, especially when the heat and humidity are high. However, some plants can help you thwart these annoying insects without having to resort to commercial repellents. That is good news for gardening enthusiasts who prefer not to use chemical-based products.

The first step to a mosquito-free backyard is to not attract them in the first place. Don't leave around containers of standing water. Stagnant water is where mosquitoes breed, so store empty containers upside down and cover rain-collecting barrels with a thin layer of netting.

Citronella is known to be a good natural mosquito repellent. The essential oil extracted from this aromatic plant contains molecules that repel insects, which is why mosquitoes detest its lemony smell. Other mosquito repelling plants are lemon thyme, bee balm (horse-mint), basil, pelargonium (geraniums), and verbena. The more the plants are exposed to the sun, the stronger their perfume is. Night-time watering also helps.

The best places for these plants are in pots on window ledges or in containers on your deck. Some gardeners also like to grow these mosquito repelling plants in flowerbeds and in large vegetable plots.

## Lawn turf: a fast solution

There are two ways to acquire a new lawn: seeding or laying lawn turf. In the first case, the work should be done in the spring or in September, and never during hot weather. In the second case, the job can be done anytime throughout the growing season; no matter the weather,

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If you are opting for turf, plan to start work as soon as the turf is delivered, especially if the weather is hot. If not, the grass will start to yellow after 48 hours.

### STEPS TO FOLLOW

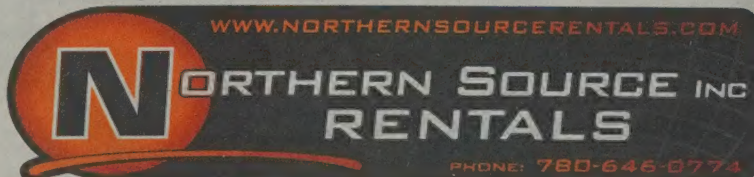
- Before starting work, ensure one thing: the turf has to be laid on a layer of good quality soil, not on fill soil. It is essential to provide at least 10 cm of good quality earth — two thirds garden soil to one third compost.
- Rake the surface of the soil to level it and compact it lightly with a roller, which can be rented from a garden centre.
- Now you're ready to lay the lawn turf. Place the strips evenly on the soil, alternating the joints. By using a sharp cutting knife you will avoid tearing the strips.
- Once the turf is in place, go over it a last time with the roller to ensure that the roots have good contact with the soil. Water the turf every two days, for up to two to three weeks.



**LAWN** - Lawn turf has to be laid on good quality soil.

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# Owlseye Greenhouse ready for inaugural season

**JANICE HUSER**  
Journal Staff

A number of greenhouses have been sprouting up in small communities across the area over the past few years, and this year's newest edition to the crop is the Owlseye Greenhouse.

Located right in the small community of Owlseye, the business is owned by the Bardal family. Monique and Dean, along with their three young children, Matthieu, Faith and Xavier, and both Monique and Dean's parents, have all been pitching in and helping make the business venture a reality.

"It was something that was always in the back of my mind," says Monique, when asked why she has decided to pursue the business. So, when she decided she was ready to make a career change from being a teacher, her husband suggested the idea of a greenhouse.

Monique says gardening is an interest she shares with her mother, and her grandmother was also an avid gardener. Putting the greenhouse together has been a lot of work, admits Monique.

"But, it's not really work because we enjoy it," she adds.

So far, the family hasn't hired anyone to help them with the greenhouse, as it is a family project with a lot of helping hands. Everyone has a role to play, even if it's just helping to watch Monique and Dean's youngest son who is only 17 months old.

Monique and Dean's oldest son, Matthieu is 12 and has been helping with

the technology side of things, setting up a Facebook page and website for the greenhouse.

"We all have our role so it seems to work out," says Monique.

The Bardals began clearing land less than a year ago for the greenhouses, and sought the advice and expertise of Dean's auntie, Irene Poirier, who had a greenhouse in Fernie, B.C. for many years.

"She's been an amazing mentor," says Monique, adding, Dean's uncle, Richard Poirier, was also helpful and

built the soil machine now being used in Owlseye.

As for the type of plants being sold at Owlseye, Monique says she used Irene's advice to help guide her this year, and is very open to receiving suggestions during the 2014 growing season as to what people in the area would like to see in the future.

"We have a wide variety of everything," says Monique, adding, this year she is selling hanging baskets, basket stuffers, and starter vegetables. She also has a hydroponic lettuce set-up and hopes to sell fresh lettuce year-round.

"We hope we have something for everyone," says Monique.

Right now, the Bardals are planning to keep one greenhouse open throughout the year and possibly sell things like poinsettias at Christmas, and other seasonal plants.

This summer there will also be a u-pick for raspberries near the greenhouse.



Janice Huser photo  
**LETTUCE** - The hydroponic lettuce set-up at Owlseye Greenhouse will produce fresh lettuce year-round.



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**ROWS OF PLANTS** - Rows of hanging baskets, flowers and starter vegetables are available this season at Owlseye Greenhouse.



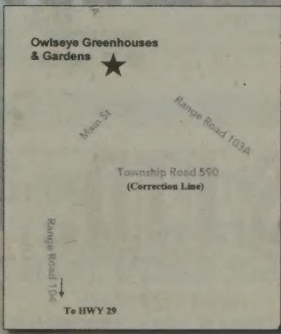
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First of all, keep in mind that the purpose of the foundation is to bear the entire weight of the house. To ensure that the foundation is adequate for this purpose, it has to be designed in accordance with the topography of the land, the water table, the type of soil (clay, sandy,

or rocky), and local building codes. All these aspects have to be taken into account when problems arise and need to be corrected.

The extent of the work to be carried out has to be evaluated by an expert. Many specialists are able to repair or even replace foundations. In the case of subsidence, it may be possible to stabilize and straighten the foundation with the help of steel piles. Repairs could also be suggested in many situations where the concrete of the foundation is damaged. In some cases, it may be necessary to completely replace the walls of the foundation. In the latter case, the help of experts is essential, both for an evaluation of the costs involved and for the special machinery that may be required for the job.

## Renovating to sell

Most homeowners know that the secret to selling a home quickly and at a good price is to ensure that potential buyers fall in love with the property at first sight. However, before undertaking any renovations with the aim of selling your home, take the time to think about how much you want to spend, carefully decide which aspects of your home need improvement, and draw up a list of priorities.

According to the experts, a first positive impression is created



**RENOVATING** - A few inexpensive jobs can often be enough to make a real difference to potential buyers.

within one minute, or even less. Consequently doors and windows should be in good repair. The outside entrance should be pleasing to the eye, the mailbox and any light fixtures properly installed, and the yard well maintained.

The inside of the home should look clean and uncluttered. To improve your chances of pleasing the majority of prospective buyers, walls should be painted in neutral colours, such as beige, pale grey, or ivory. Lots of welcoming light is also a must, so don't hesitate to replace shabby looking light fixtures. This sort of inexpensive improvement can make a real difference in a potential buyer's perception.

Floor coverings also have an impact. Obviously, changing the flooring is a more costly and time consuming improvement but it can make all the difference. Carpets are to be avoided unless they are reasonably new and in very good condition. Wood, good quality floating floors, or tiling are preferable and are available at reasonable prices.

Lastly, if it's not possible to completely remodel the kitchen or the bathroom, you could simply make a few small improvements: change the cabinet handles or knobs and give them a fresh coat of paint; replace broken tiles; de-clutter; and add a few up-to-date decorative elements.

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The 2007 Lakeland Lightning hockey club won the silver medals with a final 8-7 loss to the Lloydminster Border Stars at the Alberta Champions Cup in Calgary last weekend after a 10-7 semifinal win over Jr. Eagle Selects from Stony Plain. The team is coached by (back row) Shawn Wentz, Terry Rupp and Pete Bissell; players are: (middle row) Austin Wentz, Xavier Jean, Cale Rupp, Gavin Kadutski, (front row) Shane Boland, Lane Martin, Konnor Bissell, Corbin Ganser, Caleb Bishop, Ryker Amyotte and goalie Cole Dechaine. Players on this team come from Bonnyville, St. Paul, Mallaig, Cold Lake and Elk Point.

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## Other sports news welcome!

All summer long, the Review's Sportshound, Doug Bassett, keeps the community informed about our local minor ball teams

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Everything from a ride-on toy tractor to sports jerseys to barbecue tools was lined up for the bidders' attention.

## Firefighters

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Palamarek said the County of St. Paul has passed a bylaw requiring "everyone to get a permit to burn 365 days of the year now, and you're required to call 911 and tell them you are going to initiate a burn, because people will see the fire or smoke and call 911 to report it. If 911 isn't aware that you are burning, they will send us out, and this getting up at 3 or 4 a.m. is a bit of a drag."

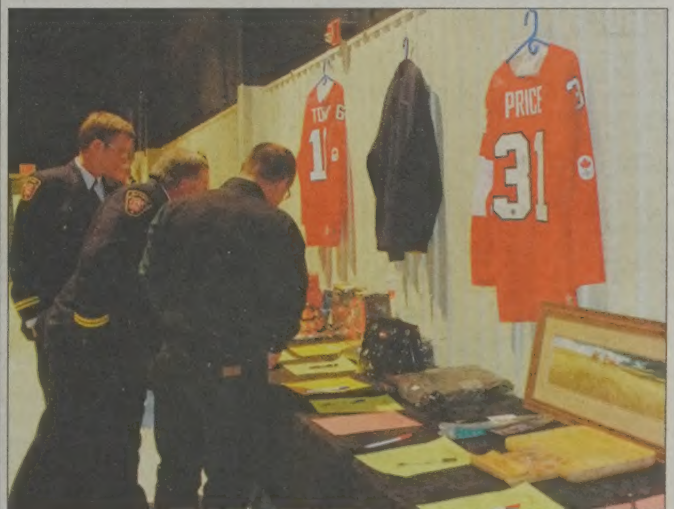
This is the season for brush and grass fires, and Palamarek was pleased to report, "We purchased a bush buggy last year. I commend Ashmont (fire department) for their initiative in outfitting a bush buggy. We looked at theirs, acquired the funding, purchased and outfitted it, and it has allowed us to access areas the Rapid Attack can't go in the bush. The bush buggy is an exceptionally effective unit that we are very proud of."

Palamarek said the department's membership is currently 28 volunteers, but "the oil industry is mobile, people move to and from the area. We're fortunate that a lot of them join the fire department." He praised former MLA Ray Danyluk, the town and the County of St. Paul for their cooperation in providing the fire-

fighters with "a facility that serves us very well, one of the model fire halls in northeast Alberta. The building is complete with instruction and training rooms and its own wash bay, and we do have a facility to accommodate a major disaster. If anyone is interested, we'd be happy to have your as a member. We still have problems with daytime coverage, but we are addressing that because a lot of the people in the oilfield are able to respond to calls. Come and see what we're all about, I'm sure you will find it rewarding."

He thanked the donors of the 65 silent auction items lining half the hall, as well as door prizes, cash donations and gifts in kind, noting that the proceeds go for new equipment and upgrading current equipment. The department is currently looking at equipment for dealing with motor vehicle accidents, and said "the Jaws of Life are not as effective as they could be. It's time consuming, and I hope we will be able to upgrade. Please help us to meet our fundraising goals."

The event's co-MC, Andrew Morin, told the crowd, "We greatly appreciate your support in making this evening a tremendous success."



Firefighters and guests check out the 65-item silent auction.





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## Bringing home the silver

Gavin Kadutski proudly shows off his silver medal from the 2014 Alberta Champions Cup AAA Tournament held April 25-27 in Cochrane and Calgary. He is a player on the 2007 Lakeland Lightning which has players from Mallaig, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, St. Paul and Elk Point (see team photo on Page 21). The Lightning played six games and came in second out of nine teams. Gavin scored two goals, got three assists and a penalty. He played defense.

Lori Kadutski photo



## 2nd Chance Trail Ride goes Saturday

VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

If you're traveling through the beautiful Lindbergh valley late Saturday morning, you might catch a glance of a lengthy cavalcade of horse-drawn vehicles and horseback riders, as the Third Annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride sets off for Heinsburg down the historic Iron Horse Trail.

They'll be headed for Heinsburg, as part of an event that is designed to both raise awareness of the importance of organ transplants and organ donation, and as a major fundraiser to assist those undergoing organ transplants.

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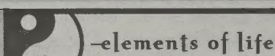
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